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FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 3948

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, CA (CARTER, THOMAS)

SUBJ: NEW CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS, THOMAS CARTER HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA. MR. CARTER WAS BORN IN TORONTO ON JUNE 10, 1915. HE STUDIED AT BISHOPS UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, RECEIVING AN M.SC. (ECON) IN 1939. HE SERVED IN THE CANADIAN ARMY DURING WWII AND WAS DISCHARGED AS A CAPTAIN. JOINING THE DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1945, MR. CARTER SERVED IN A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN POSTS. HE HAS HAD APPOINTMENTS AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NIGERIA AND AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND CAME TO THE HAGUE IN 1972.

2. WHITE HAired AND ERECT, CARTER MAKES A DISTINGUISHED APPEARANCE WITH WHICH HIS HIGH-PITCHED LAUGH MAKES A STRANGE CONTRAST. HE DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE AN INQUIRING MIND NOR MUCH DYNAMISM. HIS FIRST WIFE DIED SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY MARRIED A CHIC ROMANIAN WIDOW WHO HAD BEEN MARRIED TO A DUTCH DIPLOMAT. SHE HAS EXPRESSED "REGRET" AT BEING POSTED TO VIENNA, BUT CONCEDES THAT IT WAS THE BEST OFFER HER HUSBAND RECEIVED.

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3. AMBASSADOR CARTERS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES HAS

ALWAYS BEEN CORDIAL. HE HAS BEEN A FRIENDLY, PLEASANT COLLEAGUE,  
GENERAOUS IN LETTING THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS USE THE TWO TENNIS  
COURTS AT HIS RESIDENCE. HE SUPPORTED THE AMERICAN BASEBALL  
FEDERATION, A JOINT US-CANADIAN ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES  
SPORTS FOR THE TWO COMMUNITIES IN THE HAGUE.  
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